ASTHO ART Webinar
The Role of State Public Health Agencies in Improving Assisted Reproductive Technology
June 28, 2016
Presenter Bios

Susan Moran, MPH
Susan Moran currently serves as the Senior Deputy Director of the Population Health and Community Services Administration for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Moran was appointed to this position in May, 2014. In this role, Ms. Moran reports to the Director and is charged with leading agency wide efforts to promote and protect the health of the all Michigan residents through surveillance and response to health issues, prevention of illness and injury, improvements in access to care, and promotion of health equity.

Prior to her appointment as Senior Deputy Director, Ms. Moran served as the Director of the Bureau of Medicaid Program Operations and Quality Assurance for the Michigan Department of Community Health. In that role, she oversaw the administration of the state’s Medicaid managed care program which provides health care coverage to a majority of the state’s 2.0 million Medicaid beneficiaries. Ms. Moran led the development of the Medicaid program quality strategy that resulted in sustained improvement in health care indicators for the Medicaid population and top health plan rankings for Michigan Medicaid plans.

In her current role, Ms. Moran oversees the Bureaus of Laboratories; Epidemiology & Population Health; Emergency Trauma and Preparedness; Health & Wellness; and Community Services. Ms. Moran graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Public Health.

Mithi Sundeam, MA, PhD
Dr. Saswati Sunderam (Mithi) is a Health Scientist in the Division of Reproductive Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She is a graduate of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. One of her main areas of interest is the role of reproductive health surveillance in monitoring and evaluation of maternal and newborn health. She has worked extensively in advancing state-based public health surveillance of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) procedures and outcomes.

She is the lead author of ART Surveillance Summary which is an annual MMWR publication, and presents state-specific data on assisted reproductive technology (ART) use and outcomes. This publication is critical for monitoring multiple births, low birth weights and preterm births in U.S. states and is an extremely useful tool for state and national policy makers because it provides a snapshot overview of ART contribution to multiple births and other adverse outcomes. In 2015, ART Surveillance Summary was cited by the Journal for Obstetrics and Gynecology as one of four best articles in the area of assisted reproduction and multiple pregnancy reduction published in the past year.
Additionally, Dr. Sunderam is interested in behavioral research and has conducted several feasibility studies for the design of randomized clinical trials in HIV prevention and control in resource-poor settings.

**Carol Stone, PhD, MPH, MA, MAS**

Dr. Stone, supervising epidemiologist, has been with the Connecticut Department of Public Health since 2002. She performs public health surveillance and research on health data that addresses emerging health issues. She is currently the Project Coordinator/Principal Investigator for the Connecticut Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (CT BRFSS), a state adult health survey operated through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Before joining the Department, Dr. Stone was Associate Professor of Biochemistry and an NIH-funded biomedical researcher, first at the Indiana University Medical Center, and later at Stevens Institute of Technology, where she also served as co-Director of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology.

**Dana Bernson, MPH**

Dana Bernson is a Senior Epidemiologist in the Division of Research and Epidemiology within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s Office of Data Management and Outcomes Assessment. Her current focus is on the analysis of vital statistics data with an emphasis on perinatal issues and opioid-related mortality. She is the PI, lead epidemiologist, and project manager for MA in the States Monitoring ART (SMART) Collaborative and is actively involved with ART surveillance activities and research projects in MA. Previously, she worked in clinical research at Boston Children’s Hospital. She holds a Master of Public Health degree from Boston University.

**Cheryl Schott, MPH**

Cheryl Schott currently serves as a consultant to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Lifecourse Epidemiology and Genomics on the *Michigan SMART: Translating Data into Public Health Action* project, funded through ASTHO. She previously served as a Prevention Specialist with the CDC’s Public Health Prevention Service and as Project Coordinator for diabetes, asthma, osteoporosis, and arthritis programs at the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI).